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SUMMARY: THIS UPDATES ASPECTS NIGERIA'S NEW FEDERAL CAPITAL PROJECT, ASKS NEW QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS STATUS SOME PENDING ITEMS. DESIRE REPLIES THIS WEEK. END SUMMARY.

1. EXEC. SECTY. EBONG AND STAFF WILL BE OUT OF LAGOS SEPTEMBER 25-30 (IN IBADAN) AND AGAIN OCT. 6-12 (IN CAPITAL TERRITORY), ACCORDING CURRENT PLANS. INTENDING VISITORS SHOULD PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

2. COUNTRY-FINANCED SERVICES:

A. EBONG ASKING STATUS PROFESSOR MITCHELL. WE HAVE NOTHING BEYOND STATE 210422. PLEASE ADVISE.

B. EBONG ASKING STATUS TWO-MAN USGS TEAM TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 20 ARRIVAL. WE HAVE NOTHING BEYOND STATE 220357. PLEASE ADVISE. (INDIENTALLY, USGS OFFICAL OVERSTREET NEVER CONTACTED CDA NOR EMBASSY, IF HE VISITED NIGERIA PER STATE 204550 AND PREVIOUS.)

C. DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY. EMBASSY REQUESTS USGS NOT RPT NOT REVEAL TO OR DISCUSS WITH NIGERIANS DMA MAPS AND CAPABILITY NIGERIA MENTIONED STATE 206437, PARA 3. CURRENT NIGERIAN PREOCCUPATION WITH IMAGINED FOREIGN ESPIONAGE
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ACTIVITIES AGAINST NIGERIA MAKES EVEN SUCH INNOCENT AND

CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY UNWISE AT PRESENT. CAN USGS ACCOMPLISH CDA GOALS WITHOUT DMA MATERIAL? PLEASE CONFIRM THAT EMBASSY'S VIEWS PASSED TO USGS.

3. PLANNING FIRMS: ALTHOUGH LATE, CDA MIGHT STILL BE INTERESTED IN NAMES AMERICAN REGIONAL PLANNING FIRMS WITH CAPACITY PLAN NEW CAPITAL. (FYI: EDWARD DURELL STONE ASSOCIATES, NEW YORK CITY, HERE IN PERSON OF MR. SONE JR.-- CDA TOLD HIM HE LATE BUT EBONG WILL LOOK AT PROPOSAL.) WE WOULD LIKE GIVE EBONG LIST OF FOUR OR FIVE AMERICAN REGIONAL PLANNERS CAPABLE OF HANDLING NEW CAPITAL. PLEASE OBTAIN FROM A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCH AS AMERICAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS COUNCIL OR A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING FIRMS OR FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY ARCHITECTS SCHOOL. MR. STONE JR. LISTED 1) WALLACE, MCGARY, ROBERTS AND TODD, PHILADELPHIA; 2) SASAKI ASSOCIATES, BOSTON; 3) EDWARDS, SAN FRANCISCO; 4) THE ARCHITECTS COLLABORATIVE (TAC), BOSTON; 5) 3D INTERNATIONAL, HOUSTON, IN ADDITION HIS OWN FIRM. (COMMENT: WHEN EBONG ASKED UK GOVERNMENT FOR SIMILAR LIST BRITISH PLANNERS HE WAS REFERRED TO ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE, WHICH FURNISHED LIST.)

4. CDA PROFESSIONAL STAFF OPENINGS: EBONG ASKS WHETHER USG OR APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION CAN LOCATE CANDIDATES OR ADVERTISE FOR HIGHLY-QUALIFIED ARCHITECT-PLANNER AND CHIEF ENGINEER WHO WOULD BE PREPARED SERVE ON CDA STAFF FOR MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS, IDEALLY 7-10 YEARS. UK INSTITUTE ABOVE IS ADVERTISING BEHALF CDA. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. BECHTEL: WE HAVE RECEIVED UNCLEAR COMMERCIAL CABLE

FROM D.J. GOERZ, BECHTEL OVERSEAS CORPORATION, CONTAINING WHAT APPEAR BE TEXTS BECHTEL CABLES TO CDA AND TO MININDUSTRIES PERMSEC JODA (ONE OF THE FOUR PERMSECS IN US RECENTLY) ASKING IF BECHTEL CAN CONFER WITH THEM IN LAGOS LATE SEPTEMBER. ALSO HAVE STATE 220439 RE NOONAN VISIT. BECHTEL HAS ALSO CABLED CDA DIRECT, STATING IT COMING DISCUSS QTE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT UNQTE NEW CAPITAL. EBONG COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT BECHTEL WAS TO DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT BUT SAID CDA WOULD REPLY DIRECT BECHTEL. ACTION REQUESTED: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINDFUL EBONG ABSENCES (PARA ONE ABOVE), PLEASE ADVISE WHAT BECHTEL EXPECTS FROM EMBASSY AND WHO COMING TO LAGOS AND WHEN. ADVISE BECHTEL THAT KURT WEISS HERE IN BEST POSITION OBTAIN HOTEL ROOMS (BECHTEL SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ASK CDA TO DO SO) AND THAT EMBASSY PREFERS HEAR FROM BECHTEL VIA USG CHANNELS THAN COMMERCIAL.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE INTERIM. FINAL OR NEGATIVE RESPONSES

ALL ABOVE THIS WEEK.

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